

REMARKS

This paper is submitted in reply to the final Office Action dated April 1, 2005, within two months of the mailing date of this final action and within the three-month period for response. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

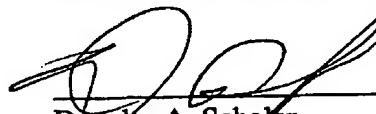
In the subject Office Action, claim 30 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,544,371 to Fuller. The Examiner did indicate, however, that claims 1-13, 15-17, 19-29 and 33-35 were allowable.

As an initial matter, Applicant appreciates the Examiner's acknowledging the allowable claims. In deference to the Examiner's suggestion, claim 30 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. That is, claim 30 now includes language identical to that of allowed claim 15.

Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are novel and non-obvious over the prior art of record and are now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are therefore respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the foregoing, or which might otherwise further this case onto allowance, the Examiner is strongly encouraged to contact the undersigned at (513) 241-2324. Moreover, if any other charges or credits are necessary to complete this communication, please apply them to Deposit Account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

5/4/05
Date


Douglas A. Scholer
Reg. No. 52,197
WOOD, HERRON & EVANS, L.L.P.
2700 Carew Tower
441 Vine Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
Telephone: (513) 241-2324
Facsimile: (513) 241-6234

Page 8 of 8
Serial No. 10/684,049
Response to Provoked Advisory Action dated May 4, 2005
Reply to Final Office Action of April 1, 2005
WH&E MIDTF/350P2
K:\MIDTF\350P2\Response to Provoked Advisory Action.wpd